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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,4,6-11,13,14,16-21,25-27,29 and 31-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4,6-11,13,14,16-21,25-27,29 and 31-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

This non-final rejection is in response to amendments filed on 11/17/03.

Claims 1, 4, 6-11, 13, 14, 16-21, 25-27, 29 and 31-36 are presented for examination.

Drawings

The formal drawings filed on 11/17/03 are accepted by the examiner.

Response to Arguments

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Applicant's arguments filed on 11/17/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 1, 4, 6-11, 13, 14, 16-21, 25-27, 29 and 31-36, the applicant argues that Noble does not disclose or suggest "the processor to remain in an active mode during the voltage level transition." The applicant also argues that Noble only teaches that the processor remains active during a frequency level transition. However, Noble [in column 5, lines 27-41] teaches that the processor is to continue operating throughout the transition from normal power mode to low power mode and throughout the transition from low power mode back to normal power mode. Noble teaches that transitioning between modes of operation comprises changing operating frequency, as well as, changing operating voltage [column 7, line 62 – column 8, line 53]. Changing power modes involves changing operating frequency and changing voltage.

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Therefore, Noble does teach that the processor is to remain in an active mode during a voltage level transition.

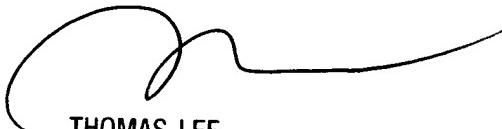
The rejections to claims 1, 4, 6-11, 13, 14, 16-21, 25-27, 29 and 31-36 are respectfully maintained and incorporated by reference as set forth in the last office action, paper no. 9.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul B Yanchus whose telephone number is (703) 305-8022. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 8:00-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Lee can be reached on (703) 305-9717. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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